

### DECLARATION

As a below-named inventor, I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in the specification identified below and for which a patent is sought on the invention as titled therein. I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of said specification including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to herein. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56(A).

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Patent Specification is attached.

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No earlier-filed foreign application of which priority benefit is claimed.

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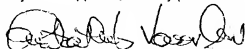
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